

S. 1838, to provide for the sale, acquisition, conveyance, and exchange of certain real property in the District of Columbia to facilitate the utilization, development, and redevelopment of such property, and H.R. 3508, to authorize improvements in the operation of the government of the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Mayor Anthony A. William, Washington, D.C.; Sally L. Stroup, Assistant Secretary of Education for Postsecondary Education; and Paul Hoffman, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

OFF-RESERVATION GAMING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine Indian gaming activities, focusing on land into trust and the two-part determination related to off-reservation gaming, after receiving testimony from George T. Skibine, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy and Economic Development for Indian Affairs; Ron Suppah, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon, Pendleton; Cheryle A. Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Community of Oregon, Grand Ronde; Carol York, Hood River County Commissioner, Hood River, Oregon; Michael Lang, Friends of the Columbia Gorge, Portland, Oregon; and Cheryl Schmit, Stand Up for California, Penryn.

NSA SURVEILLANCE AUTHORITY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed hearings to examine issues relating to wartime executive power and the NSA's surveillance authority, receiving testimony from R. James Woolsey, Booz Allen Hamilton, McLean, Virginia, Former Director of Central Intelligence; Harold Hongju Koh, Yale Law School, New Haven, Connecticut; Ken Gormley, Duquesne University School of Law, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Douglas W. Kmiec, Pepperdine University, Malibu, California; Bruce Fein, Fein and Fein, and Robert A. Levy, Cato Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Robert F. Turner, University of Virginia Center for National Security Law, Charlottesville.

Hearings recessed subject to the call.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to provide greater transparency in the legislative process.

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine certain legislative recommendations and concerns of wartime service-connected disabled veterans, after receiving testimony from Paul W. Jackson, David W. Gorman, and Joseph A. Violante, all of the Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 4805–4823; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 79; H. Con. Res. 348; and H. Res. 697–700 were introduced. **Pages H449–50**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H450–52**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4167, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for uniform food safety warning notification requirements (H. Rept. 109–379); and

H.R. 1071, to direct the Secretary of Energy to make incentive payments to the owners or operators of qualified desalination facilities to partially offset the cost of electrical energy required to operate such facilities, with an amendment (H. Rept. 109–380, Pt. 1). **Page H449**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Aderholt to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H391**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Kolbe, Chairman and Representative McCaul of Texas, Vice-Chairman. **Page H393**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Barrow wherein he resigned from the Committee on Education pending his appointment to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective immediately. **Page H393**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

A bill to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under

the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971: S. 449, to facilitate shareholder consideration of proposals to make Settlement Common Stock under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act available to missed enrollees, eligible elders, and eligible persons born after December 18, 1971—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H393–94**

Act Commemorating the LITE: H.R. 1096, amended, to establish the Thomas Edison National Historical Park in the State of New Jersey as the successor to the Edison National Historic Site, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 14; **Pages H394–97, H414–15**

French Colonial Heritage National Historic Site Study Act of 2005: H.R. 1728, amended, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the French Colonial Heritage Area in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System; **Page H397**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating portions of Ste. Genevieve Country in the State of Missouri as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.” **Page H397**

Recognizing the creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium: H. Res. 677, to recognize the creation of the NASCAR-Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium; **Pages H397–H400**

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Texas Western’s 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and recognizing the groundbreaking impact of the title game victory on diversity in sports and civil rights in America: H. Res. 668, amended, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Texas Western’s 1966 NCAA Basketball Championship and recognizing the groundbreaking impact of the title game victory on diversity in sports and civil rights in America, by a yea-and-nay vote of 397 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 15; **Pages H400–03, H415–16**

Louis Braille Bicentennial—Braille Literacy Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2872, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Louis Braille; and **Pages H403–07**

Authorizing the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces: H.R. 1259, amended, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on

behalf of the Congress, collectively, to the Tuskegee Airmen in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces, by a yea and nay vote of 400 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 16.

Pages H407–14, H416

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To award a congressional gold medal on behalf of the Tuskegee Airmen, collectively, in recognition of their unique military record, which inspired revolutionary reform in the Armed Forces.” **Page H416**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the continuation of the national emergency blocking the property of persons undermining democratic processes or institutions in Zimbabwe—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 109–93). **Page H414**

Discharge Petition: Representative Barrow moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 614, providing for the consideration of H.R. 2429, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for an increase in the Federal minimum wage (Discharge Petition No. 11).

Recess: The House recessed at 4:15 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H414**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on pages H391, H393.

Senate Referral: S. 2141 was referred to the Committee on Financial Services and the Committee on the Judiciary.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea and nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H414–15, H415–16, H416. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE AIR REFUELING RECAPITALIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Protection Forces held a hearing on the U.S. Air Force on Aerial Refueling Recapitalization Requirements. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Air Force: LTG Christopher Kelly, USAF, Vice Commander, Air Mobility Command; LTG Donald Hoffman, USAF, Military Deputy, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Acquisition); and LTG Donald J. Wetekam, USAF,